



Ninety-Seventh Legislature - Second Session - 2002
Committee Statement
LB 1285

Hearing Date: February 12, 2002

Committee On: Agriculture

Introducer(s): (Bromm, Dierks, Jones, Raikes, Robak, Vrtiska, Wehrbein, Burling)

Title: Create the Livestock Industry Issue Task Force

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File

Advanced to General File with Amendments

X Indefinitely Postponed

Vote Results:

5	Yes	Senators Chambers, Cunningham, Dierks, Schimek, Vrtiska
3	No	Senators Burling, Erdman, Schrock
0	Present, not voting	
0	Absent	

Proponents:

Senator Curt Bromm, #23
Greg Ruehle
Rod Johnson
Pat Gabel

Representing:

Introducer
Nebraska Cattlemen
Nebraska Pork Producers Association
Nebraska Farm Bureau

Opponents:

Norma L. Hall
Jon Bailey
Robert Warrick
Gene Harbeson
Charlynn Hamilton
Laura Krebsbach
Wayne Frost
John K. Hansen
Donna Ziems
Troy L. Kash-Brown
Steve Cady
Jim Knopik
Patricia Fortkamp
Duane Fortkamp
Joan Harbeson
Barry Richards

Representing:

Women Involved in Farm Economics
Center for Rural Affairs
Madison County Planning Commission
Self
Self
Nebraska Sierra Club
Self
Nebraska Farmers Union
Self
Self
Organization for Competitive Markets
Self
Self
Self
Self
Self

Neutral:

Elaine Menzel
Chris Henry
Dennis Schulte
Darla Svoboda

Representing:

Nebraska Association of County Officials
University of Nebraska – Lincoln
University of Nebraska – Lincoln
Self

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 1285 provides for the appointment of a task force to examine statistical trends in the livestock industry and the economic implications of such trends. The task force is to examine regulatory factors restraining the growth of the livestock industry, naming specifically local zoning regulations and regulations of the Department of Environmental Quality relating to the livestock industry. Task force membership is to be appointed by the Governor and is prescribed to include representatives of livestock and agricultural interests, county officials, the University of Nebraska, and the Departments of Agriculture, Environmental Quality, and Economic Development. The bill directed that the Task Force would complete its work and issue a report of its findings and recommendations by December 15, 2002.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

Senator Merton L. Dierks, Chairperson